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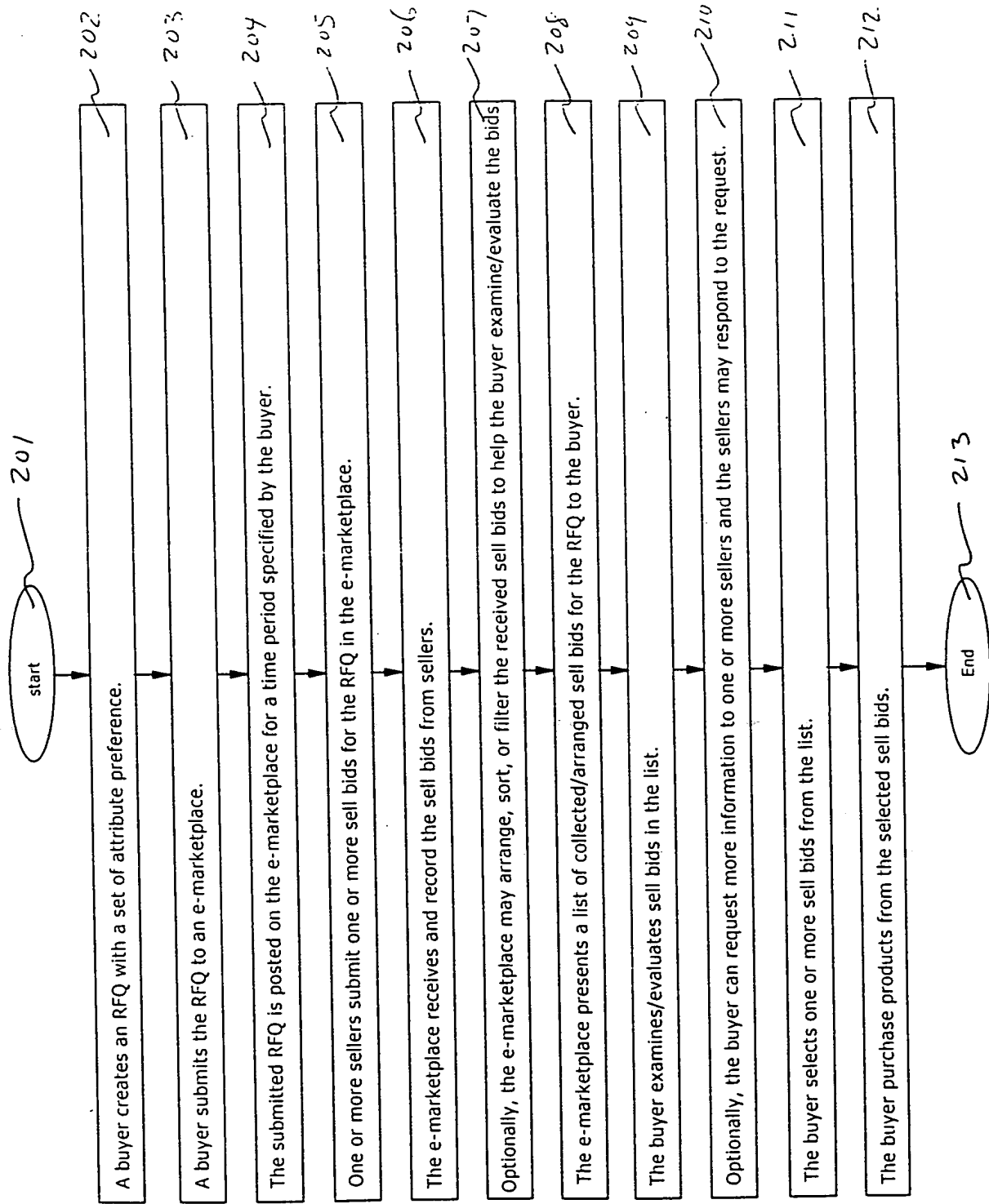


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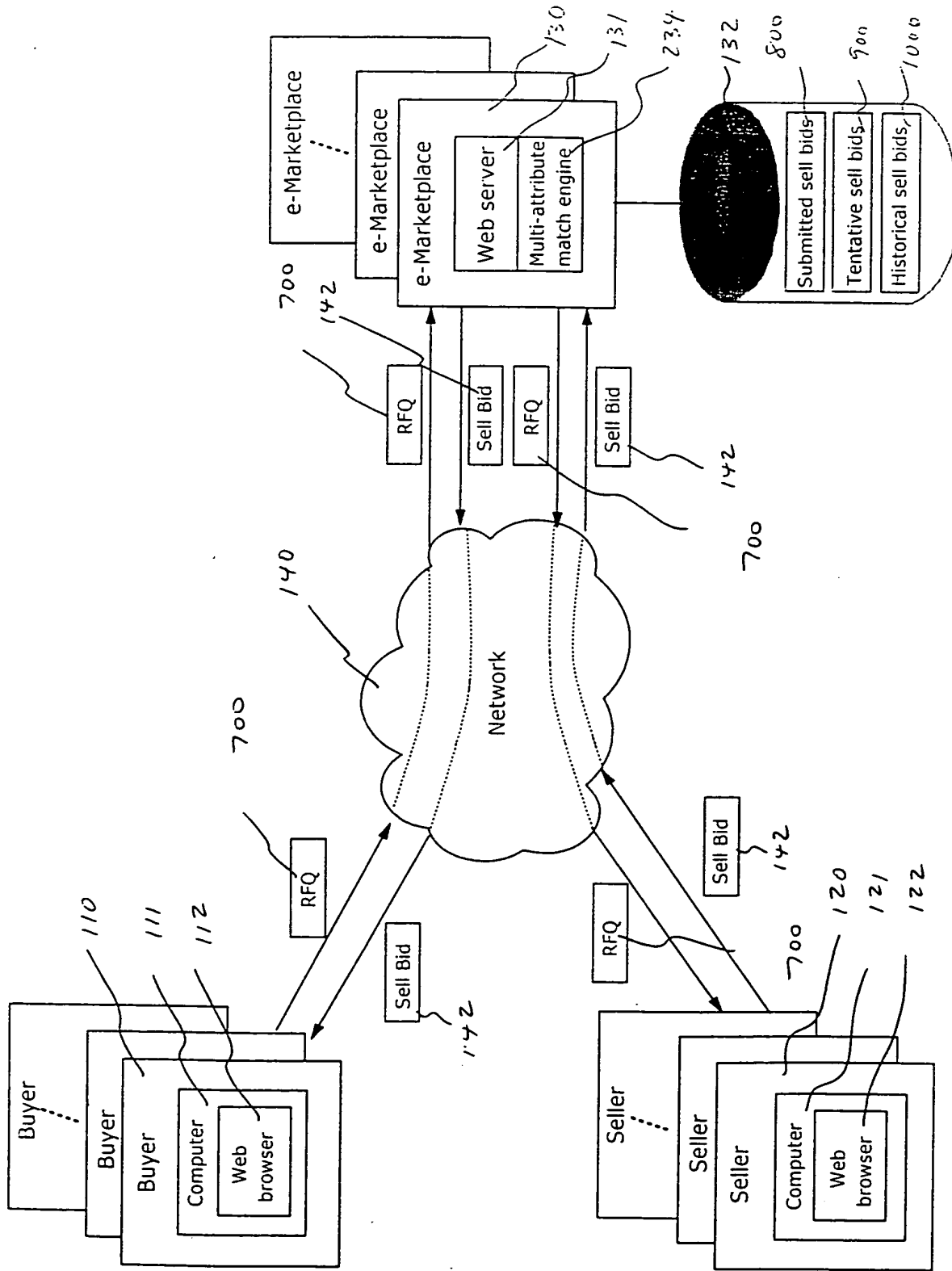


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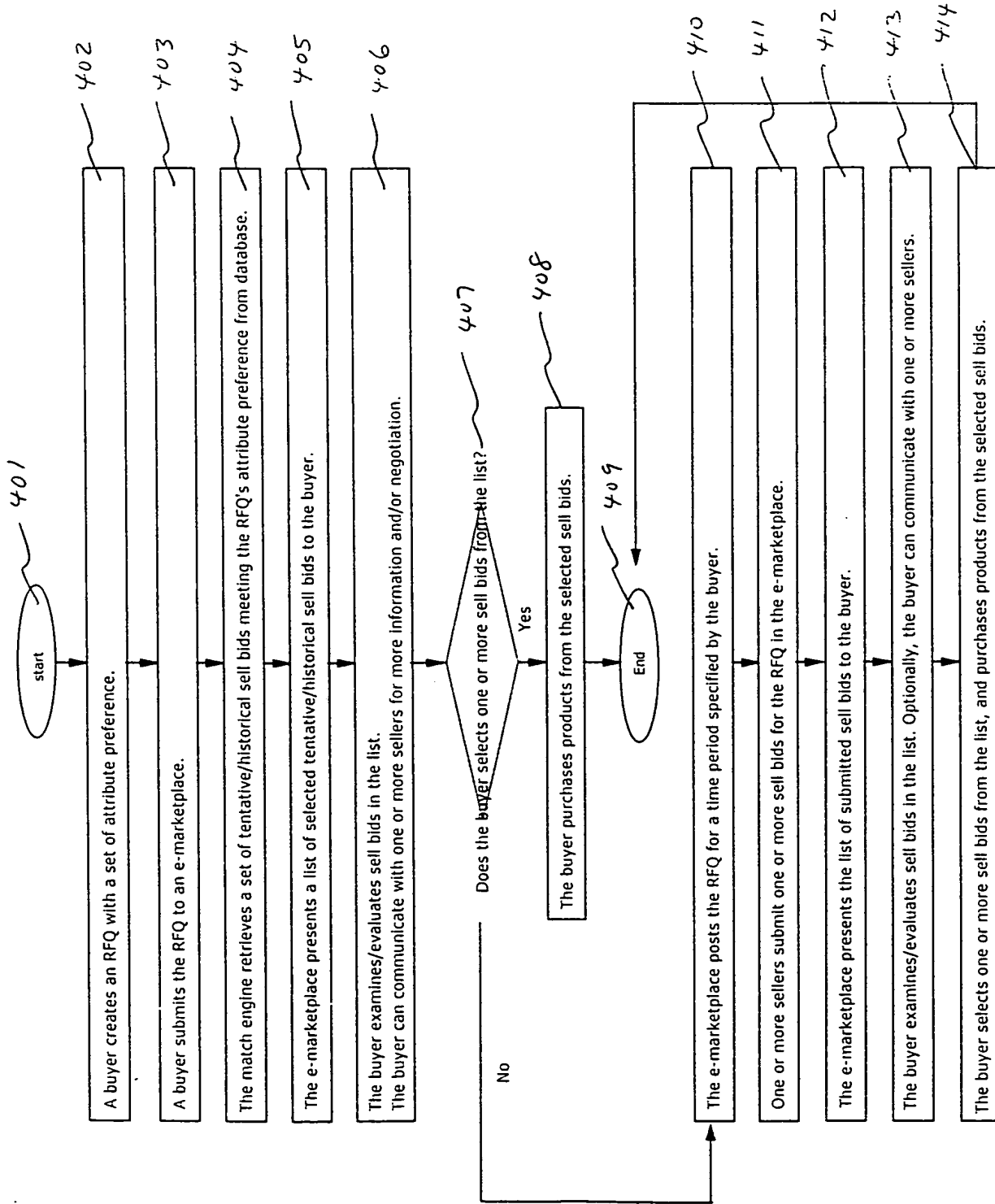


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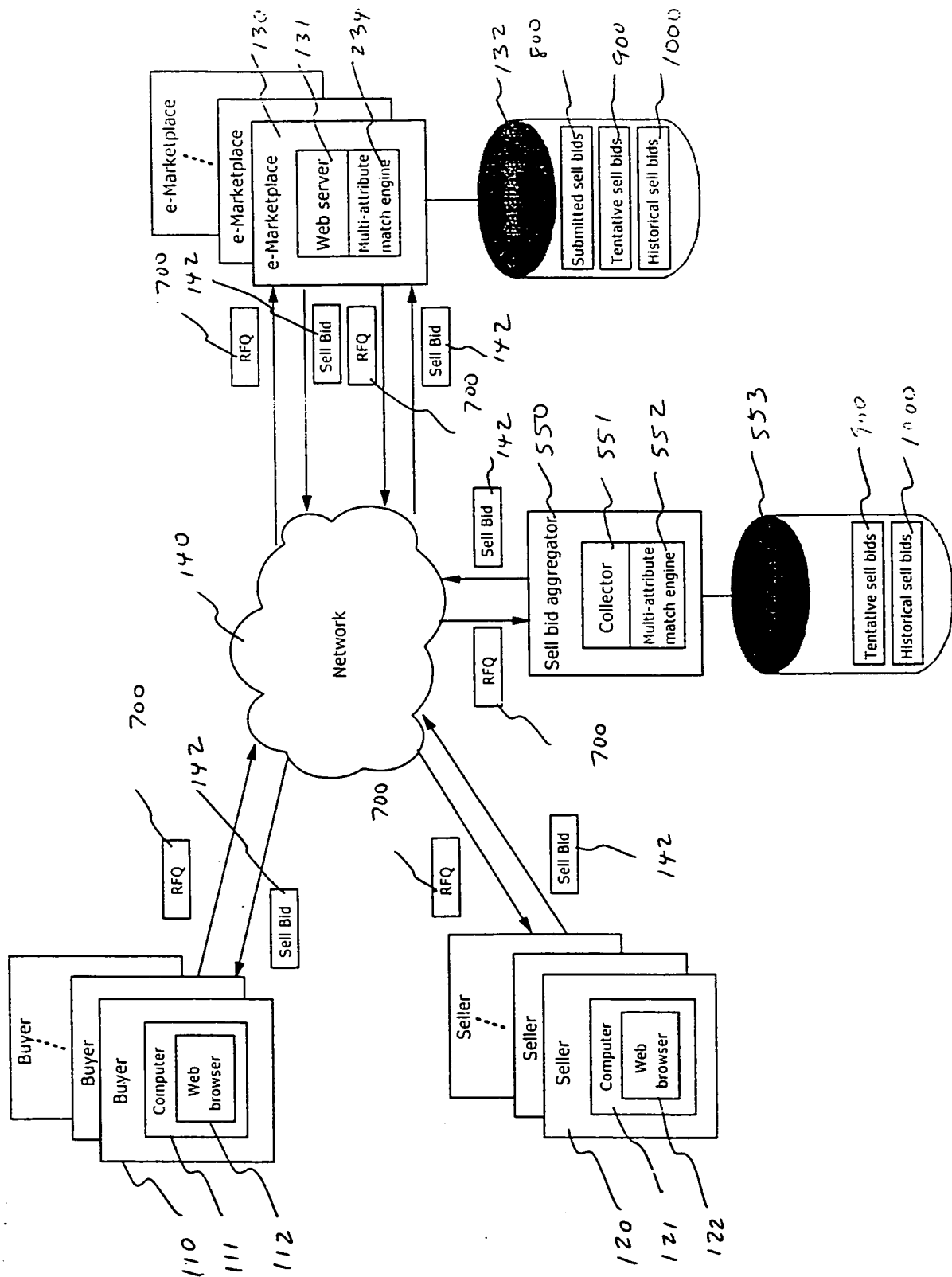


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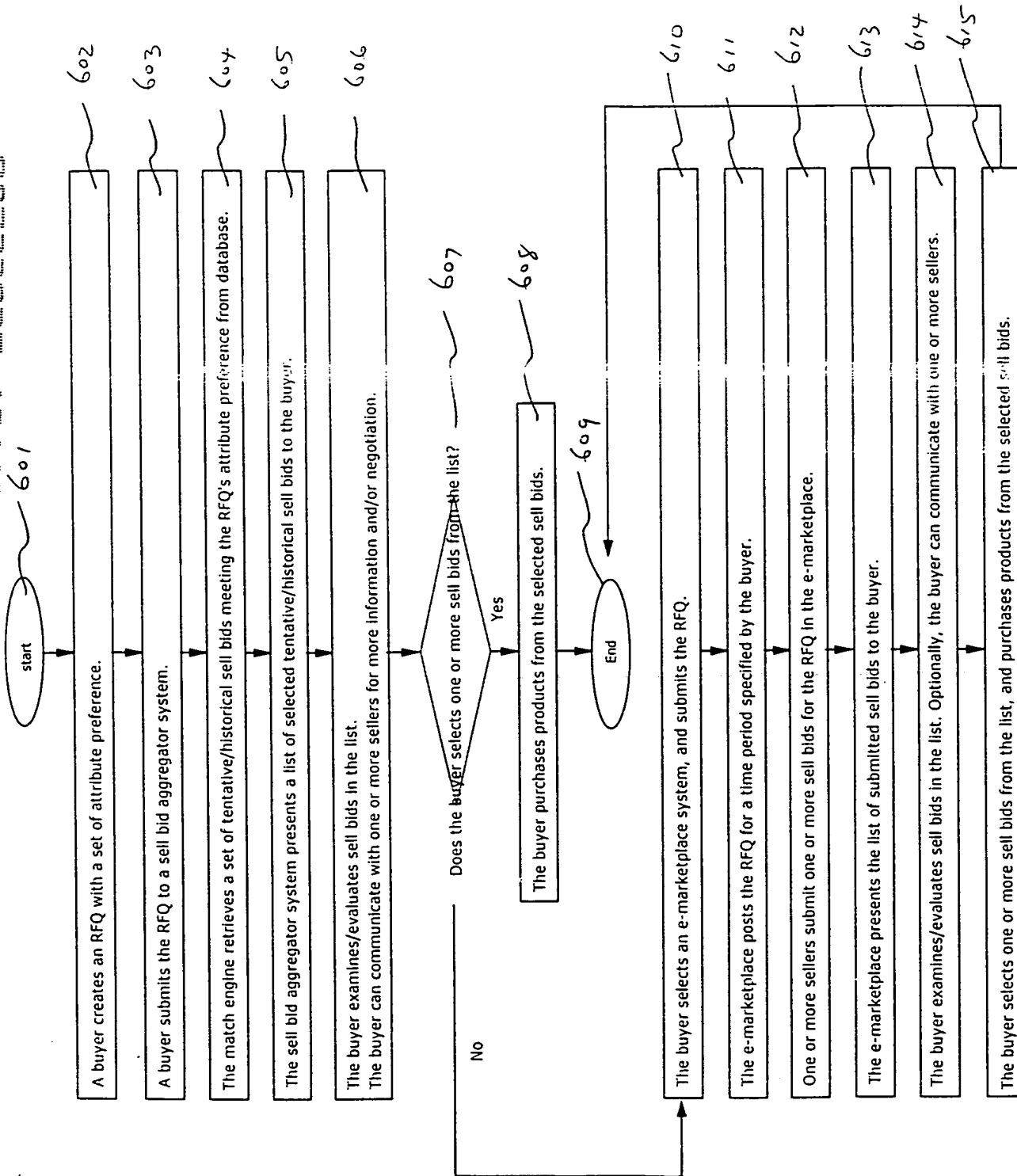


FIG. 6

701	RFQ number: 1097
702	Buyer identifier: 3216B7321
703	Product information (Product identifier: 318J749) — 703I
704	Product category: Engineering plastics
705	Product name: Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)
706	Product attribute Acid resistant: 6-8 PH, non-negotiable Biodegradability: 1-10 years, negotiable Softening point: 300-350 degrees Kelvin, informational Flame resistant: Yes, informational
707	Closing time Seller response by 12 October, 2000 at 12:00:00 AM Decision made by 15 October, 2000 at 12:00:00 PM
708	Bidding rules minimum reserve price: N/A maximum reserve price: \$300 (per unit) Bid replacement (Is price improvement required on seller's previous bid?): Yes
709	Clearing rules Tie breaking: priority on the largest bid, and then the earliest bid
710	Business rules Market participants (Who is allowed to participate?): screened Discount rule (for volume purchase): 10%

FIG. 7

801	Bid number: 458242
801R	RFQ number: 318
802	Bid Type: Submitted sell bid
803	Seller identifier: 998532
804	Marketplace identifier: 11
805	Product information (Product identifier: 943H871) — 805 I
806	Product category: Engineering plastics
807	Product name: Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)
808	Product attribute Acid resistant: 8 PH Biodegradability: 7 years Softening point: 315 degrees Kelvin Flame resistant: Yes
809	Bid attributes Price: \$206.00 per unit Quantity: 100 units Delivery: Express delivery available
810	Submission time Seller response at 2:53:32 PM on 11 October, 2000

FIG. 8

801A	Bid number: 74832
802A	Bid Type: Tentative sell bid
803A	Seller identifier: 25372
804A	Marketplace identifier: 11
805A	Product information (Product identifier: 831K71) 805 I
806A	Product category: Engineering plastics
807A	Product name: Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)
808A	Product attribute Acid resistant: 7 PH Biodegradability: 9 years Softening point: 327 degrees Kelvin Flame resistant: No
809A	Bid attributes Price: \$275.00 per unit Quantity: 20 units Delivery: Express delivery available
910	Valid time until 12:00:00 AM on 1 November, 2000

FIG. 9

